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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kouji KOJIMA ) Confirmation No.: 7140  
Application No.: 10/730,932 ) Group Art Unit: 2879  
Filed: December 10, 2003 ) Examiner: Rielley, Elizabeth A  
For: FIRING FURNACE FOR PLASMA )  
DISPLAY PANEL AND METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING PLASMA DISPLAY )  
PANEL )

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2004, the period for response to which extends through January 18, 2005 (January 17, 2005 being a federal holiday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claims of Group I (claims 1-16) or Group II (claims 17-24). Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-16) for examination with traverse.

Applicant notes that the reason supporting the Examiner's restriction requirement is that in "the instant case the method of manufacturing a plasma display panel, a UV lamp instead of a furnace could harden one electrode layer." Applicant respectfully traverses this grounds for restriction because each of the method claims (17-24) is dependent on a particular apparatus

claim (1-16) that is directed to a particular firing furnace. Thus, each method claim is limited to firing of a paste layer within the specific firing furnace recited in its particular independent claim. Accordingly, restriction is not appropriate between the Office Action's alleged Groups I and II for at least the foregoing reasons.

Applicant respectfully requests formal examination of this application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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